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FRANCE.

Our Paris Correspondence.

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The great topic of interest is the approaching address

of the Emperor at the opening of the Chambers on Monday

next, and particularly as to what he will say about

Mexico. It was the original intention of his Majesty to

give this delicate subject the go-by, and say nothing

about it. At a meeting of ministers, held a few

days since, the Emperor stated this as his intention,

which, however, he found unanimously opposed

by his Cabinet. The ministers stated that there was too

much feeling in relation to the Mexican question, too

much excitement among the people, to allow it to be

passed over in such cavalier style, and that they were

not willing to bear the weight of responsibility which the

silence of the Emperor, at a time and on an occasion

when every eye is waiting with anxiety to hear what he

will say, would impose upon them. The result was that

the Emperor changed his course, and will say something

before this Cabinet has expressed itself almost un-

animously to the Emperor in favor of an immediate

withdrawal of the troops, to which the Emperor replied that

it could not yet be done with safety.

WHAT THE EMPEROR WILL SAY AT THE MEXICAN QUESTION.

Now what will he say? Yesterday the Bourse was more

buoyant than it has been for weeks, and it was so

under the influence of a general impression that the

Emperor intended plainly intimating on Monday next that

he will withdraw his troops from Mexico as soon as possible,

and that he hopes to accomplish it at least within the

bounds of the present year. This is, indeed, the impres-

sion which prevails throughout the entire community,

and should it not be realized the reaction will be tremen-

dous. We shall know so soon, however, just what

his Majesty has said, that speculations at present are

perhaps de trop.

MINISTER RIEGLER AND GENERAL SCHOFIELD AT THE

TUILERIES HALL.

I was in hopes his Majesty might have dropped a hint

at the ball on Wednesday evening as to what he would

say next Monday, and had been inclined to ventilate

his speech a little he had an excellent opportunity in

his remarks to Mr. Riegler or Major General Schofield,

with both of whom he conversed. But the Sphinx kept

the solution of his riddle to himself, and said

nothing compromising. A "little bird," flying

about the president's table, while I was wait-

ing, said that the Emperor had said to Mr. Riegler,

"I have told you just what their Majesties did

say, and their remarks, although not particularly signifi-

cant, may be interesting, as the remarks of persons oc-

cupying such exalted positions always are, even to democ-

rats.

At the head of the line of our countrymen and fair

countrywomen to be presented by Mr. Riegler stood

Major General Schofield, and upon his name being pro-

duced the Emperor, addressing him in English, said,

"General, I am very glad to see you. You were in the

line with General Sherman, I believe?" The General

replied that he had been for a time, when the Emperor

continued, "I followed with great interest the campaign

of Sherman. How long do you remain here?" The

General replied that he should stay in Europe a year,

but intended leaving Paris in a few weeks; upon which

his Majesty said, "I hope to have the pleasure of seeing

you again," and passed on. General Schofield was the only

one of the presentees to whom his Majesty spoke. The

Emperor said to him that he "hoped he was enjoying him-

self at Paris." To Mr. Riegler the Emperor remarked

that "he was glad to see so many of his compatriots

present," and especially remarked the beauty and fine

appearance of the American ladies, adding with a

graceful smile, "I am sure they will be very

pleased to see the Emperor and the Empress."

After the presentation of the Americans, the

Emperor and the Empress retired to the

private apartments, leaving the Americans to

wait on the Emperor and the Empress.

THE FRENCH MEXICAN.

The door opens, and a lady comes in alone and un-

attended, but whose presence immediately attracts at-

tention by a crowd of courtiers. There is something in

her appearance which betokens power, influence and a

high degree of fascination. It is not beauty; for she is,

though tall, exceedingly thin, and her face, though

shaded up with vivacity and intelligence, anything but

attractive—her mouth extravagantly large, and her eyes

sunken and protruding. She is dressed in an exceedingly

eccentric style—in what is technically known as "Span-

ish mourning"—a tunic of black illusion, with alternate

bands of white satin, trimmed with large red roses, and

for the only head ornament an immense red rose in the

back of her hair. The ladies say that no one but the

Emperor, during, dashing, unconventional Princess Hohen-

lohn would be permitted to wear such a dress at a

court ball.

THE MEXICAN.

At half-past ten the Emperor and Empress were an-

nounced, and as Strass' band, seated in a balcony above,

struck up a quadrille, their Majesties, preceded by a

number of chamberlains, came in and took their seats

upon the estrade. The Empress has grown exceedingly

stout. Her Majesty, it must be recollected, will be forty

years old on the 5th of May next—an age at which ladies

frequently begin to exhibit embonpoint. I am afraid,

too, that her Majesty has taken to putting a little arti-

ficial color upon her beautiful cheeks. She is beginning

to show that time, with its iron teeth, will not spare

beautiful women, even though they be empresses. She

was dressed simply, yet very richly—a robe of white spot-

ted tulle, the skirt of which was dotted with golden beads

and bordered with a wreath of ivory; upon her head was

a tiara of diamonds, and a gold and diamond butterfly

upon her brow, while upon her neck she wore a rich

collar of large emeralds, and two rows of diamonds. The

Emperor was dressed in his usual ball costume of General

Division. The Princess Mathilde wore white satin. The

Princess Napoleon and the Princess Clotilde, contrary

to the expectations of everybody, who supposed that

their "little difficulty" with their Majesties had been

arranged, were not present. Neither was the Duchess de

Mouchy, nor Princess Anna Murat. The place at the right

of the Emperor, usually occupied by the Prince Napo-

leon, was filled by the Princess of Hohenlohn.

THE UNITED STATES DETACHMENT.

Mr. Riegler's tall, commanding figure was well suited

with his rich uniform. Mr. Riegler looked more than

charming in a dress of rich white satin, with point lace

trimmings, and a beautiful necklace of pearls, and

diamonds, and a diamond brooch, and a diamond

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